

Richard Weldon's questions at Dec 12, 1968 Brandy Health meeting, Dover.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

1. What will control depositing large bulky items at the dump which will not compact; such as tires, large stoves, and other metal objects?

(Observed at Kennett Square landfill, piles and piles of such items)

✓ 2. Access:

We are told that garbage trucks will enter from Route 71. This road is a two-lane highway and with the impact of 150 trucks or more, plus the operation of Mr Ward's sand and gravel trucks, this will cause quite a traffic problem during normal weather, let alone inclement weather.

3. Water Pollution:

Based on the decision by the Air and Water Commission, their grant of one year indicates some doubt that possible water pollution may develop, and who will be responsible if wells or above ground water is polluted?

✓ 4. Location:

This proposed dump will be just approximately 15 feet from Route 71, and approximately 75 feet from U S Route 13. These two routes are the main arteries for commuting in the State of Delaware, and traffic has backed at times from the intersection of Routes 71 and 13 at Tybout's Corner clear back to the proposed entrance of the dump.

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5. ✓ Vector Control:

At the Kennett Square landfill where they employ the trench type system and refuse is dumped into a dugged hole and constantly being worked over by a bulldozer for compaction and pulling the garbage down into the deepest part of the hole, then covering it over with dirt, they still have a problem with rats, to the extent of Mr Trout, the Manager, placing steel traps at night on his bulldozer to prevent the rats from chewing the wires. With existing problems of skunks and other wild life in this area, just what can be done to prevent a major influx of not only skunks, but rats as well.

6. Dust Control:

We have for the past eight years lived with a horrible condition of dust, to the extent of having to spend most of the summer with all windows in your home closed. By the way, we have pleaded with the Board of Health in the past for help but to no avail. This was with only a few trucks from the sand and gravel operation, what will it be like with the 150-truck operation.

7. In conclusion gentlemen, let's be honest with each other. Mr Conner is now asking for just 55 acres for five years, but I am sure that at the conclusion of five years, his sights are set on the remaining 147 acres of land owned by Mr Ward, and also currently operated as a sand and gravel pit.

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I will make this statement, and I have the backing of the other 197 homes in this immediate area, that we, as residents of Red Lion, plan to conduct a campaign not only in New Castle County, and the State of Delaware, but nationally. This problem of refuse disposal is of major importance and this current trend of moving from hole to hole is not the answer. We must research and act now to find some solution to this overwhelming problem.

Gentlemen, I do not think we are asking for too much when we say give us - not proposed regulations - but definite controls that will apply to this landfill, so that we too may enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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